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SUBJECT:     Contacts in Berlin and
                Operational Outlines

TO:          Mr. Gordon M. Stewart

FROM:        Mr. Zsolt Aradi

        While in Berlin at the beginning of December 1946 I visited the
following persons for intelligence purposes:

        Father Bertke (first name unknown), Catholic priest, U. S. citizen,
secretary of Bishop Muench, located in Berlin, Im Dohl 51, telephone 766159.
Bertke is Muench's representative in Berlin, young, about 33 years old, from
Cleveland, Ohio. My impression of him was the best. He was already
instructed by the Bishop "to do as Mr. Aradi will tell you". He is a straight-
forward man who is as anxious as the Bishop himself to show that their mission
is not less American than Catholic. He wants to remain in contact with me,
or in my absence with "a friend of mine". Father Bertke introduced me to
Cardinal Count Preysing and to Bishop Winken.

        Bishop Winken is about 63-65 years old, of south German origin.
He served and is serving still as the representative of the German Catholic
Episcopate to the government, formerly to the Reich, and now to its legitimate
successor, the Allied Control Commission. Winken travels all over Germany,
visiting Allied headquarters in all the zones, and is in close contact with
Soviet representatives, too, as described in previous reports. He is a very
experienced man with considerable connections among older political parties
in Germany and abroad. The interview took place during supper at Bertke's
home. Winken is a good source of political intelligence, and was ready to
speak, although my identity was not disclosed.

        Bishop Kaller, bishop of Ermland, East Prussia, Germany, nationalist,
is about 65 years old, leader of the 13 million refugees from the East,
recently (October 1946) has been appointed by Pope Pius XII to organize a
Papal relief mission for the eastern German refugees. His office will be
opened in Frankfurt at Boecklinstrasse 2. Bishop Kaller is constantly in
contact with people coming and going from East Prussia, Poland, and other
eastern parts of Germany. Since no similar Protestant organization exists on
a religious basis, or on such an over-all basis, he considers himself as a
helper of all the German refugees, not only the Catholics. I have been intro-
duced to Bishop Kaller through Msgr. Polzin.

        Msgr. Polzin is a representative of the German Caritas-Verband
located in Berlin-Charlottenburg, Bayernallee 28. I was introduced to Polzin
through a letter of Msgr. Hartz (see previous reports), located in Fulda.
Polzin will be the manager or executive of Bishop Kaller's Papal relief organ-
ization, and Polzin will remain constantly in Berlin. As I told him that
Bishop Muench is very much interested in these reports that he is getting
directly in the East, he will deliver the reports to Father Bertke and Bishop
Muench. Polzin introduced to me another Catholic priest from Schneidemuehl,
named Dr. Kruger. Kruger confirmed information received already from Hartz,
namely that there are still 6,000 Russian flyers in Schneidermuehl at the
given address in previous reports. The information of Kruger dated the
beginning of November 1946.

Since more and more information is coming in, and Bishop Muench and his assistant are constantly asking their Lithuanian, Latvian, and Polish assistants for reports giving them more than religious and political targets (not mentioning the purpose of such requests), such as military installations, number and identification of troops, etc., may I suggest that this operation toward the East through Bishop Muench be united under a common name, and all information will be delivered in connection with this project.

Attached are several reports in German delivered by Bishop Muench and Msgr. Polxin. My next target after returning to this station will be to operate through Zeiger, and sometimes with Bishop Muench as cut-out, and send in priests with religious missions, giving them other targets, too.